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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The policy of the present Government is to put down all inequities."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" So far as the present inequity is concerned, are they prepared to put down this inequity? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I think my answer covers everything."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" We want to know from the Hon. Minister whether this is an inequity or not and if this is an inequity, whether he will give us an assurance that this inequity will be stopped? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have already said that the question will be examined to see that no inequity is perpetrated by anybody under this Government."

Production of khadi.

* 120 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a final scheme for the production of khadi has been formulated by Government and if so, what the scheme is with full particulars;

(*b*) whether it is proposed to give a fillip to 'Commercial khadi' as distinguished from 'self-sufficiency khadi';

(*c*) whether it is a fact that for years institutions and individuals other than the All-India Spinners' Association have, subject to such conditions as have been imposed, continued to contribute a great deal for the promotion of khadi production;

(*d*) what the position of these khadi producers will be in the new order of things; and

(*e*) whether the Government have received representations from khadi producers and, if so, what their decisions are?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The hon. Members' attention is invited to the pamphlet on the Madras Government khadi Scheme, copies of which have already been placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) It is presumed that by the term 'Commercial Khadi' the hon. Member means 'uncertified khadi.' If so, his attention is invited to paragraph 18 of the pamphlet on the Madras Government's Khadi Scheme indicating the lines on which such khadi will be controlled.

" (*c*) The Government are unable to give a categorical reply to this question. Certain organizations which were once recognized by the All-India Spinners' Association have since been disowned by that body on the ground that they had ceased to work on sound lines. There have also been instances of private organizations exploiting spinners or indulging in reckless competition according to the conditions

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in the khadi trade or producing and selling 'spurious' khadi woven with mill yarn deliberately mixed up with hand-spun yarn.

"(*d*) It is proposed to eliminate the production and sale of uncertified khadi in the following areas :—

(1) the areas in which the 'intensive' part of the Government Khadi Scheme is in force;

(2) the firkas selected for the 'extensive' part of the khadi scheme;

(3) all the villages lying within a distance of ten miles beyond the limits of the 'intensive' areas;

(4) villages within a belt of ten miles beyond the production centres of the All-India Spinners' Association and organizations certified by the All-India Spinners' Association and other approved organizations, if any:

(5) the Coimbatore and Erode Municipalities;

(6) Madura town.

"(*e*) Representations from a number of khadi producers and dealers have been received, and they are under consideration of the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the insufficiency of mill cloth and also khadi, will they take into consideration this fact and desist from preventing this source of supply to the public? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If such a necessity arises, we shall do so."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know, Sir, if the present Government is wedded to the khadi policy of the previous Government? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know what the policy of the previous Government is in this matter. But I can certainly say that wherever possible, our policy does not differ from that of the previous Government and we continue the khadi policy laid down by the previous Government."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Was not the pamphlet issued by the previous Government seen by this Government? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes. We take responsibility for it."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Therefore, Sir, I wish to know whether the present Government is wedded to the khadi policy as previous Government was."

THE HON. DR. T. S S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."